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"Designating February 10, 2010 as "Marshall University Day."

WHEREAS, Marshall University is one of the state's premier institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, Marshall University is building a national reputation

1 for research in biotechnology, forensic science and medicine
2 through its College of Science and the Joan C. Edwards School of
3 Medicine; and

4 WHEREAS, Marshall University is creating new, high-value job
5 opportunities through its research efforts and as part of West
6 Virginia's Research Trust Fund "Bucks for Brains" initiative; and,

7 WHEREAS, With every dollar the state invests in Marshall
8 University, the University generates over \$20 in economic benefit
9 to West Virginia, resulting in the generation of \$1.5 billion per
10 year in economic impact, which has tripled since 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, A university-record 2,052 new full-time equivalent
12 freshmen enrolled at Marshall University in fall 2010; and

13 WHEREAS, The Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible
14 Manufacturing is providing services to all 55 state counties
15 providing expertise to more than 5,250 small and medium-sized
16 manufactures that employ more than 81,000 individuals across West
17 Virginia; and

18 WHEREAS, The Nick J. Rahall, II Appalachian Transportation
19 Institute of Marshall University is setting national standards in
20 transportation; and

21 WHEREAS, Marshall University's graduate program in Forensic
22 Science is ranked as the top program of its type in the country;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Marshall University's medical and health sciences

1 schools and departments train hundreds of West Virginians to serve
2 as doctors, nurses, therapists and health technicians each year;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Since 1983, the West Virginia Autism Training Center
5 at Marshall University has provided training, information and
6 support to more than 2,000 West Virginia families from all 55
7 counties; and

8 WHEREAS, Marshall University is establishing the School of
9 Pharmacy, which will produce well-prepared pharmacists for the
10 field's evolving role in health care, will create good-paying jobs
11 and will generate an estimated \$150 million economic impact; and,

12 WHEREAS, Marshall University alumni number more than 90,000
13 across the globe; therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the West Virginia House of Delegates:*

15 That the House of Delegates hereby designates March 2, 2011,
16 as "Marshall University Day" in celebration of the university's 50th
17 anniversary of earning university status; and, be it

18 *Further Resolved,* That the House of Delegates hereby
19 recognizes Marshall University for its tremendous contributions to
20 the State of West Virginia; and, be it

21 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk forward a copy of this
22 resolution to Stephen J. Kopp, President of Marshall University.